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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 1)

Sunday of All the Saints Who Have Shown Forth in the Russian Land

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 1)

All Saints that have shown forth in the Russian Land

Saturday, 29 June (16 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 30 June (17 June, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour

ST JOHN OF SHANGHAI & SAN FRANCISCO

Monday, 1 July (18 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Tuesday, 2 July (19 June, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER

Saturday, 6 July (23 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 7 July (24 June, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour

FASTING DAYS Week of 30 June

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Sunday</i>	30 June (17 June, o.s.)	Martyrs Manuel Sabel, & Ismael Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Monday</i>	1 July (18 June, o.s.)	Martyr Leontius Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 July (19 June, o.s.)	Apostle Jude; St John of Shanghai Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	3 July (20 June, o.s.)	Hieromartyr Methodius Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Thursday</i>	4 July (21 June, o.s.)	Martyr Julian of Tarsus Fast: wine & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	5 July (22 June, o.s.)	Hieromartyr Eusebius of Samosata Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Saturday</i>	6 July (23 June, o.s.)	'Vladimir' Icon of the Theotokos Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Sunday</i>	7 July (24 June, o.s.)	Nativity of St John the Baptist Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 30 June

<i>Su</i>	2nd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of Russia	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 43:9-14a • (2) Wisdom 3:1-9 • (3) Wisdom 5:15-6:3	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	Rom. §81a (2:10-16)	Mt §9 (4:18-23)
	Heb §330 (11:33-12:2a)	Mt §10 (4:25-5:12a)
	3RD WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	Rom. §94 (7:1-13)	Mt §34 (9:36-10:8)
<i>Tu</i>	Rom. §95 (7:14-8:2)	Mt §35 (10:9-15)
<i>W</i>	Rom. §96 (8:2-13)	Mt §36 (10:16-22)
<i>Th</i>	Rom. §98 (8:22-27)	Mt §37 (10:23-31)
<i>F</i>	Rom. §101 (9:6-19)	Mt §38 (10:32-36; 11:1)
<i>Sa</i>	Rom. §85 (3:28-4:3)	Mt §24 (7:24-8:4)
<i>Su</i>	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	
	Nativity of St John the Baptist	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 17:15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 21:1-8 • (2) Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21 • (3) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18, 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	Rom. §88 (5:1-10)	Mt §18 (6:22-33)
	Rom. §112 (13:11b-14:4)	Luke § 1 (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our First Annual Midsummer's Night Ball, that took place past Friday evening, 21 June 2019, was a great success! It was truly a night to remember. There are so many of our parishioners who helped in planning, purchasing, donating, setting up, working during the Ball, taking down, and cleaning up. It is too difficult to name every person who helped, since the names mentioned must include members of nearly every family in the parish, but special recognition needs to go to Elizabeth Maxey and Seraphima Morrow who came up with the idea and steered the whole effort. Without this group effort the Ball could not have worked. The Ball gave all of us a good time, and an opportunity for fellowship. It also drew many people from outside our parish to this social event. It worked well 'putting our parish on the map', so to speak. On 18 July this year, the Feast our heavenly Patron St Elizabeth the New Martyr, our parish will be 21 years old. We have now come of age.

We are in the midst of the Apostles Fast, which began on the Monday after All Saints' Sunday and

continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 12 July (n.s.). We eat no animal products (meat, meat products, eggs, and dairy products) throughout the forty days. The general rules for this period are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are normal fast days; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wine and oil are permitted; and on Saturdays and Sundays we may eat fish, wine, and oil. But since greater Saints' Days frequently brings a further mitigation of the fast from the general rules, it is important to consult an annual Orthodox calendar to find the correct fasting regimen for a particular weekday.

The Ladies of the Parish (and others who are interested) will have a brief meeting at coffee hour this Sunday and next to plan the particulars for our festal meal following the Divine Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day.

St John of Shanghai and San Francisco reposed on the Feast of the Holy Apostle Jude on 2 July (19 June, o.s.) 1966. We all know St John Maximovich to be a great Wonderworker of our time. There is great love for him throughout the Orthodox world. In many places in the Russian Church Abroad, the Church that St John served as a Hierarch during his earthly life, his feast day is celebrated on the Saturday nearest the date of his repose, so as not to eclipse the Feast of the Apostle Jude each year, and doubtless also to enable a greater number of the faithful to attend the Liturgy for St John on non-work day. In other places, the Feast of St John is not transferred, but kept on the actual date of his repose, which is certainly the more usual Orthodox practice when it comes to liturgical observances. In our parish, we do not transfer the Feast. The Vigil Service will be served at St Elizabeth's Church at 6 o'clock on the evening of Monday, 1 July and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 on the morning of Tuesday, 2 July.

The Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June / 7 July), though not one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is nonetheless a very important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. It commemorates the birth of the Saviour's Forerunner, of whom our Lord said, 'Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist....' (St Matthew 11:11) St John the Baptist's holy birth was miraculous. His parents, Ss Zacharias and Elisabeth, were advanced in age when the Archangel Gabriel announced that Elisabeth would bear a son, though she had been barren. And this came to pass as the Archangel had foretold. This year the Feast falls on a Sunday, making it easier for the faithful to fully participate.

Concerning Confession and Holy Communion: Those who have been to Confession in the past two

weeks may receive Holy Communion on the Feasts of St John of San Francisco and the Nativity of St John the Baptist, provided that no serious sin has been committed which would require another Confession and that the other usual preparations for Holy Communion are observed (i.e. attendance of the Vigil Service the evening before Holy Communion, reading the Pre-Communion Prayers, and the forgiveness of others). Likewise, those who have been to Confession for either of these two Feasts may receive Holy Communion at the Sunday and Festal Liturgies through the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul under the same conditions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our Parish's Patronal Feast, honouring our heavenly Intercessor, St Elizabeth the New-Martyr, is on Thursday, 18 July (5 July, o.s.). The Vigil Service will be served at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 17th. On the Feast Day itself, the Meeting of Bishop Nicholas and the Hours will be at 9:00 AM and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM. Please reserve these dates so you can attend services for our Parish Feast Day.

We will have a Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day. We are hoping that each family in the Parish will contribute by donating funds and/or providing dishes that the Sisterhood has planned to serve at the meal. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket, marked 'Feast Day Meal.' If you are able to help with providing a dish, please speak to Matushka Faith.

St Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp, will have its 27th annual camp during the week of 4 – 11 August 2019. The camp, located in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, is open to children from the third grade until 18 years old. The camp was begun with the blessing and encouragement of Metropolitan Laurus of blessed memory and continues to be one of the major activities for youth in the Russian Church Abroad. Children attend from all over America, Canada and other countries. Each day is filled with activities. The day begins with Morning Prayers and The Law of God. A number of clergy (including our own Fr David and Fr Dcn Stephanos) volunteer their week to be with the children and make themselves available for spiritual needs. Each day sees a wide variety of sporting activities, arts and crafts, hiking, swimming and water sports. The evenings are filled with activities and bonfires. Lastly, Evening Prayers are said together. Abundant adult supervision is drawn from parents and church representatives. The cost of the camp is \$400. Registration deadline for Early Bird Discount is 15 July. A camper discount of 25% is applied for all siblings after the first two. All information is to be found on the camp website. Registration is available only online at www.stseraphimcamp.org . If you have questions, please email rocorsc@gmail.com .